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SUBJ: US ARMS IN VIETNAM

1. ONE OF PRINCIPAL INDONESIANS CONCERNS BEING EXPRESSED TO US OVER SITUATION IN VIETNAM IS FEAR OF USE BY HANOI OF WEAPONS LEFT BEHIND BY SVN IN RECENT COLLAPSE AND POSSIBILITY EVEN GREATER CACHE IF SAIGON COLLAPSES. MAJOR GENERAL MURDANI OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE SPELLED THIS OUT FOR ME APRIL 28.

2. ACCORDING THEIR INTELLIGENCE THERE IS POSSIBILITY HANOI MAY ULTIMATELY HAVE IN ITS POSSESSION OVER ONE MILLION M-16S, 75 C-130S, OVER 100 HELICOPTERS, AND NUMEROUS F-5S. M-16 AND C-130 WOULD GIVE HANOI TREMENDOUS CAPACITY TO SUPPORT SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS. INDONESIA WOULD BE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE IN VIEW ITS OWN SLIGHT SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY AND ITS EXPENDED TERRITORY. MURDANI MENTIONED FACT INDONESIA HAD NOT YET FULLY ELIMINATED GUERILLAS IN NORTH KALIMANTAN; SUCH ELEMENTS COULD EASILY BE SUPPLIED BY C-130 FROM VIETNAM.

3. I RECOGNIZE THAT, IN EVENT TOTAL COLLAPSE IN VIETNAM, COMPLETE RECOVERY OR DESTRUCTION SUCH EQUIPMENT NOT

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POSSIBLE. IS THERE, NEVERTHELESS, ANYTHING WE CAN SAY

TO INDONESIANS WHICH MIGHT LESSEN THEIR FEARS IN THIS
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